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## CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 21

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To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in its FY 2016 Annual Compliance Report (ACR), filed December 29, 2016,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to the individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than March 2, 2017.

## Costing

In a November 15, 2016 press release, which can be found at: http://about.usps.com/news/state-releases/mi/2016/mi\_2016\_1115a.htm, the Postal Service stated that postal employees would be delivering parcels in the morning.

- a. Please discuss how the Postal Service tracks the cost of parcel-only delivery routes.
- b. Please provide the number of parcel-only delivery route-days in FY 2016.
  - Please specify whether these routes are categorized as Special Purpose Routes (SPRs) or regular delivery.
  - ii. Please specify if carrier time spent delivering parcels in the manner described is categorized as SPR or regular delivery for costing purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service FY 2016 Annual Compliance Report, December 29, 2016.

- iii. Please provide the Time and Attendance Collection System code that carriers were clocked into when delivering on parcel-only routes.
- c. Please provide the data sources the Postal Service uses to isolate the cost of parcel-only delivery routes.

By the Chairman.

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